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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants submit the following in response to the non-final Office Action issued November 30, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application.

The sole rejection in the Office Action is a rejection of all claims for double patenting (although the Office Action does not so specify, it is assumed that obviousness-type double patenting is intended) over claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,249,271, claims 1-24 of U.S. Patent No. 6,262,706 and claims 1, 2, 7, 36 and 41 of U.S. Patent No. 5,961,804.

There is filed herewith a Terminal Disclaimer disclaiming any portion of the term of any patent issued on this application which extends beyond the terms of U.S. Patents Nos. 6,249,271 and 6,262,706. Since the present case and these two earlier patents comprise an original application and two continuations, they are all assigned by means of a single Assignment, namely that filed in Application Serial No. 09/140,988, now Patent No. 6,262,706.